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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN TRADE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES:

IMPACT ON US TRADE

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(B) CANBERRA 2623

(C) CANBERRA 2590

(D) CANBERRA 2597 (NOTAL)

(E) STATE 096416 (NOTAL)

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1. SUMMARY. IN THIS THIRD MESSAGE RESPONDING TO DEPT.

REQUEST FOR ASSESSMENT OF AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS, WE ATTEMPT TO ASSESS IMPACT ON US NON-TEXTILE EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA. (USDOC HAS ALREADY MADE SIMILAR ANALYSIS OF TEXTILE TRADE). ALTHOUGH SOMEWHAT HAMPERED BY LACK OF CURRENT TRADE DATA, WE CONCLUDE THAT US NON-TEXTILE EXPORTS TO AUSTRALIA WILL BE ONLY MODESTLY IMPACTED. OF CASES IN WHICH ACTION TAKEN OR PENDING, NINE INVOLVE ONLY NEGLIGIBLE OR NO IMPORTS FOR US. NINE OTHERS INVOLVE IMPORTS FROM US OF LESS THAN \$A ONE MILLION EACH IN FY 74, LAST FULL YEAR FOR WHICH DATA AVAILABLE. IN SIX CASES IMPORTS FROM US EXCEEDED \$A ONE MILLION IN FY 74, ACCOUNTING FOR SIGNIFICANT TOTAL OF \$A18.7 OR ROUGHLY ABOUT ONE PERCENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS FROM US. (THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE CONSUMER ELECTRONICS CASE FOR WHICH WE WERE UNABLE TO COMPILE DATA AND WHICH MAY INVOLVE SUBSTANTIAL US EXPORTS). WE HAVE ALSO ATTEMPTED IN THIS MESSAGE TO IDENTIFY AUSTRALIAN TARIFF CODES PERTAINING TO GOODS AFFECTED, WHICH MAY ASSIST IN FURTHER WASHINGTON ANALYSIS OF IMPACT. END SUMMARY.

2. IN PARA. 4 REF (E) DEPT. REQUESTED BETTER DEFINITION OF NON-TEXTILE ITEMS AFFECTED BY AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS FOR COMMERCE USE IN ANALYSING IMPACT ON US EXPORTS. DEPT. ALSO ASKED FOR BREAKDOWN OF AUSTRALIAN IMPORT DATA FOR ITEMS AFFECTED, WHICH MAY BE MORE COMPLETE THAN US EXPORT FIGURES. ALTHOUGH WE KNOW OF NO SYSTEM OF CONCORDANCE BETWEEN AUSTRALIAN TARIFF CODE AND TSUS CATEGORIES, WE UNDERSTAND AUSTRALIAN CODE IS BASED ON BTN IN THAT FIRST FOUR DIGITS UNDER TWO SYSTEMS ARE IDENTICAL. WE HAVE THEREFORE INCLUDED, IN BREAKDOWN THAT FOLLOWS, COMPLETE LISTING OF AUSTRALIAN TARIFF CODES APPLYING TO ITEMS RECENTLY AFFECTED BY IMPORT RESTRAINTS. AT SAME TIME WE HAVE PROVIDED ALL AUSTRALIAN IMPORT FIGURES WE CAN READILY FIND FOR FISCAL YEARS 1973, 1974 AND FIRST FEW MONTHS OF 1975 AS NOTED. TO AVOID REPETITION LINE (1) IS TOTAL AUSTRALIAN IMPORTS IN SUCCESSIVE PERIODS; (2) IS IMPORTS FROM US; (3) IS US SHARE OF MARKET IN PCT.; AND (4) IS AUSTRALIAN TARIFF CODE. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED LINES (1) AND (2) ARE IMPORT VALUE IN THOUSANDS OF AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS.

3. ITEMS UNDER TARIFF QUOTAS.

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A. DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL REFRIGERATORS, 200-454 LITERS CAPACITY. IMPORTS FROM US NEGLIGIBLE. TARIFF CODE: 84.15.2

B. DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL REFRIGERATORS, MORE THAN 454 LITERS CAPACITY.

(1) IN THOUSAND UNITS. NEG.; 3; 8; (5 MOS.)

(2) N/AV NA-; N/A

(3) N/AV 89; N/A

(4) 84.15.9

C. DOMESTIC ELECTRICAL CLOTHES-DRYERS. IMPORTS FROM US
NEGLIGIBLE. TARIFF CODE: 84.40.71

D. ELECTRIC WASHING MACHINES. IMPORTS FROM US NEGLIGIBLE.
TARIFF CODE: 84.40.79

E. PRECISION GROUND STEEL BALL BEARINGS.

(1) 415; 591; 415 (5 MOS.)

(2) 107; 106; 170

(3) 26;18;41

(4) 84.62.2

4. ITEMS UNDER QUOTA RESTRICTIONS.

A. FOOTWEAR AND PARTS THEREFOR. NO IMPORTS FROM US LISTED.
TARIFF CODES: 64.01.4, 64.02.3, 64.02.9, 64.03.9,
64.01.9

B. SHEETS AND PLATES OF IRON AND STEEL.

(1) 17,319; 8,697; 342 (4 MOS.)

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(2) 2; 439; N/A

(3) NEG.; 5; N/A

(4) 73.13.100

C. SPECTACLES, SUNGLASSES AND FRAMES. IMPORTS FROM US
NEGLIGIBLE. TARIFF CODES: 90.03, 90.04

5. ITEMS ON WHICH GENERAL DUTY RATE INCREASED.

A. INJECTIN MOULDING MACHINES.

(1) 1,536; 3,154; 1,287 (3 MOS.)

(2) 212; 126; 100

(3) 14; 4; 8

(4) 84.59.9

B. MOTOR VEHICLE TIRES.

(1) 26,684; 42,394; 28,054 (4 MOS.)

(2) 311, 1,950; 2,265

(3) 1; 5; 8

(4) 40.11.900

C. CONSUMER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY
IMPORTS ARE NOT GIVEN IN THIS REPORT. TARIFF CODES:

85.01.21; 85.01.22; 85.01.33; 85.01.42; 85.01.1;

85.02.9; 85.14; 85.15.1; 85.18.2; 85.18.9; 85.19.6; 85.21.9;

92.11.9

6. PENDING CASES.

A. TIMES SWITCHES. DATA NOT AVAILABLE. TARIFF CODES:
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91.06.100, 91.08.100

B. PLYWOOD. NO IMPORTS FROM US LISTED. TARIFF CODE 44.15.100

C. NON-ADJUSTABLE WRENCHES.

(1) 792; 2,272; 2,264 (7 MOS.)

(2)

162; 183; 268

(3) 20; 8; 12

(4) 82.03.200

D. SLIDE AND MOVIE PROJECTORS.

(1) 1,326; 2,490; 1,093 (6 MOS.)

(2) 59; 114; 76

(3) 4; 5; 7

(4) 90.08.210

EM CERTAIN SPORTING GOODS.

(1) 1,435; 2,218; 1,876 (6 MOS.)

(2) 61; 144; 272

(3) 4; 6; 14

(4) 97.06.900, 97.06.100

F. LEATHER BICYCLE SADDLES. NO IMPORTS FROM US LISTED.
TARIFF CODE: 87.12.320

G. LUGGAGE, GOLF BAGS AND PERSONAL LEATHERGOODS.

(1) 3,028; 5,940; 4,272 (5 MOS.)

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(2) 44; 85; 74

(3) 1; 1; 2

(4) 42.02.900

H. RESILIENT FLOOR COVERINGS.

(1) 4,766; 7,802; 4,757 (7 MOS.)

(2) 3,302; 5,293; 3,268

(3) 69; 68; 69

(4) 48.12, 39.02.210

I. CERAMIC TABLEWARE. NO IMPORTS FROM US LISTED. TARIFF
CODES: 69.11, 69.12

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J. AIR CONDITIONERS AND EVAPORATIVE AIR COOLERS.

(1) 17,660; 17,952; 17,710 (7 MOS.)

(2) 4,661; 5,493; 6,562

(3) 26; 31; 37

(4) 84.12; 84.59.920, 85.06.900

K. SYRINGES AND NEEDLES.

(1) 1,134; 1,440; 1,361 (7 MOS.)

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(2) 222; 401; 511

(3) 20; 28; 38

(4) 90.17.3

L. ABRASIVE PRODUCTS.

(1) 2,650; 4,280; 2,716 (7 MOS.)

(2) 431; 676; 485

(3) 16; 15; 18

(4) 68.04; 68.05; 68.06

M. PRESSURE SENSITIVE MATERIALS.

(1) 2,279; 3,361; 3,012 (7 MOS.)

(2) 427; 1,276; 759

(3) 19; 38; 25

(4) 39.02.520, 39.01.500, 39.01.700, 39.01.900, 39.02.620
39.02.690, 39.03.500, 39.03.600, 48.15.900, 39.02.520,
48.07.610, 48.07.690

N. FROZEN POTATO PRODUCTS.

(1) 6; 2,309; 5,359

(2) 2; 1,918; 1,049

(3) 33; 83; 20

(4) 07.02.90

O. TABLE AND KITCHEN GLASSWARE AND FLAT GLASS.

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(1) 15,990 FY 74 ONLY

(2) 2,805 FY 74 ONLY

(3) 18 FY 74 ONLY

(4) 70.04, 70.05, 70.06, 70.07.1, 70.07.2, 70.07.9,
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